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"BYVSHIJ", KUZNETSOVA, REPINA, SMIRNOVA  
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To EFIM(1)

[13 groups unrecovered]

[C] recommended the use of the ATHLETE(ii) "BYVSHIJ"(iii)

[48 groups unrecoverable]

KUZNETSOVA(iv) and REPINA(v) who, according to SMIRNOVA's(vi) evidence, are  
[C] leaders of an emigre organisation in SYDNEY and do they have(a)

[35 groups unrecoverable]

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Note: [a] Or "does he/she/it have".

- Comments: [i] EFIM: X Semen Ivanovich MAKAROV; at the Soviet Legation/  
Embassy in CANBERRA from April 1943 to June 1949.
- [ii] ATHLETE: X Probably a coverword for a type of agent.
- [iii] BYVShLI: X i.e. "FORMER" or "CI-DEVANT"; unidentified cover-  
name. Also occurs in MOSCOW's Nos. 434 of 19th  
November 1945 (3/NBF/T132, Item 1) and 213 of 4th  
May 1946 (3/NBF/T1895) and CANBERRA's Nos. 259 of  
14th November 1945 (3/NBF/T132, Item 2) and 155 of  
13th July 1947 (3/NBF/T773).
- [iv] KUZNETSOVA: X Probably Raissa SZAJEWSKI, née HIRSCH, a ballet teacher  
known professionally as Madame KOUSNETZOVA; associated  
with the pro-Soviet Russian Social Club in SYDNEY.
- [v] REPINA: X Almost certainly a member of the family of Ivan  
Dimitri REPIN, prominent member of the pro-Soviet  
section of the Russian community in SYDNEY: either  
Alexandra REPINA (his wife), Ethel Alice REPINA  
(his sister-in-law) or Dr Stella REPINA HOTIMSKY  
(his daughter).
- [vi] SMIRNOVA: X Probably Elsie LEAHY, formerly (1941 to at least  
1947) SMIRNOFF/SMIRNOVA, formerly SURREST; née  
POOLICCHI; associated with the pro-Soviet Russian  
Social Club in SYDNEY.

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